

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed July 8, 2004.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw claims 12-17.

Election

In the Office Action, the Examiner required the claims to be restricted to one of two alleged inventions: (1) Group I, including claims 1-11; and (2) Group II including claims 12-17.

Applicants hereby elect to proceed with Group I, including claims 1-11. Claims 12-17 have been withdrawn without prejudice so that they can be submitted with a divisional application.

Applicants make this election to further the prosecution process. This election is not meant to indicate that the Applicants agree or disagree with the restriction requirement.

In view of the above Amendments and Remarks, reconsideration of claims 1-11 is requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this document, including any fee for extension of time, which may be requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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